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HOUSE RESOLUTION 261
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Evangelist Nettie B.
Rogers for her many valuable contributions to
the good people of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those citizens who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have devoted their lives to spreading the word of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Nettie B. Rogers is one such outstanding individual who has distinguished herself as an Evangelist of the greatest talent and conviction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers has proceeded with grace and dignity in her quest to better the lives of her fellow citizens by inspiring people to accept Christ as their Savior for over sixty years in the realm of religion; and

WHEREAS, this creative woman's talents are best demonstrated by the Akan Adinkra Symbols of ***Dwennimmen***(djwin-knee-mann) of Ghana, which symbolize strength, humility, wisdom, and learning; and

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WHEREAS, Evangelist Rogers will be honored as an exemplary religious leader by her receipt of an award from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Woman, Inc. on June 3, 2000; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding ordained minister has touched many lives through her many productive roles in society: Community Activist, Humanitarian, Neighborhood Supporter, Counselor, Friend, Mother and Grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers served as a charter member of Grace Missionary Baptist Church and still devotes a great deal of her time and energies to the church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers has received certificates in pastoral guidance, business administration, and the Standard Leadership Curriculum, in addition to attending divinity seminars and workshops in Tennessee, Texas, Pennsylvania, Atlanta and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, renowned as a tireless community activist and peerless spiritual advisor, Evangelist Rogers believes strongly in her motto: "May the work I've done speak for me"; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Rogers has distinguished her achievement in Christian Service, by feeding the poor and hungry, through her participation in Operation Bread Basket, and by spiritually nourishing many Vacation Bible School students over the years; and

WHEREAS, she founded the National Church School Day, and through her meritorious efforts June has been recognized as National Vacation Bible/Church School Month; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lamar Alexander recognized her as "Citizen of the Year" in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Rogers has been honored and recognized by inclusion in *Who's Who Among American Black Women*; and

WHEREAS, she has been actively involved in the division of Christian Education, the National Council of Churches, and the Tennessee Commission on Aging, and served adroitly as Key Communicator to the Board of Education under Geri House; and

WHEREAS, she was selected the Grandmama of Stafford Elementary School in 1989, Woman of the Year by the Order of Eastern Star in 1982, and Africa in April Queen in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Nettie B. Rogers was honored as one of the Most Influential Women in Memphis and Shelby County in 1978; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to the spiritual evolution and Christian service is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Evangelist Nettie Rogers for her many outstanding contributions to the spiritual growth of the greater Memphis community, congratulate her upon her most recent award for religious and community achievement from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, Inc., and wish her much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.